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13. The miniaturized microtiter plate of claim 5, wherein the base is coated with a substance to encourage specific binding.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to place it in proper U.S. format, and to correct grammatical and idiomatic errors. Claims 1-4 have been canceled and new claims 5-13 have been added to correct improper multiple dependency and provide claims in proper U.S. format.

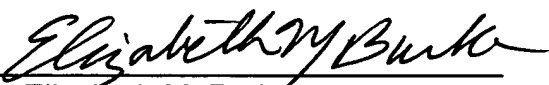
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